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APD TO HONOR FALLEN OFFICERS DURING SERVICES

The Austin Police Department will honor fallen officers during the 2009 Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Monday, May 4, 2009. Beginning at 11:20 a.m., the Honor Guard, Pipe and Drum Corps, Bicycle Officers and Motor Units from all over the state will participate in the Memorial Parade that begins on Congress Avenue and ends at the Capitol. The Memorial service will begin at noon at the State Capitol.

On Sunday, May 3, 2009 there will be a Candlelight Vigil at the Texas Peace Officers Monument located on the northeast side of the State Capitol at 8:00 p.m.

Constant sacrifice and heroism distinguishes the police profession. In addition to the lives of the fallen officers, families make sacrifices so that their loved ones can pursue a career in law enforcement. Family members and law enforcement personnel will attend the memorial in recognition of the sacrifices made by the fallen officers.

There have been 20 fallen officers in the history of the Austin Police Department. The first officer of the Austin Police Department lost his life on March 8, 1875. Officer Cornelius Fahey was fatally shot on Congress Avenue. The first female officer died in the line-of-duty on October 31, 2004. Officer Amy Donovan tragically lost her life while attempting to apprehend a fleeing suspect. Ten officers were killed due to traffic collisions; of these ten collisions, two were killed by drunk drivers.

Media Advisory: APD personnel will be available for interviews at the events. Photographs and brief summaries of each Austin Police Department officer killed in the line of duty are available on the APD website at www.cityofaustin.org/police.

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